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REMARKS


In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in the instant application, Applicants herewith submit an amended set of claims only. Arguments accompanying the Amendment can be found in the response filed Jan. 23, 2004.

Applicants submit that the claims have now been presented in a compliant manner. In other words, presented is a complete listing of all the claims, with the text for all applicable claims, a proper status identifier is provided for all the claims, and the claims are presented in ascending numerical order.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney to discuss any issues related to the prosecution of the instant application.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is necessitated by the instant paper. However, in the event any additional fees are due or any amount is to be credited, Applicants authorize the Commissioner of Patents to debit or credit Deposit Account No. 010535.

Respectfully submitted,


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